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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that James V. Frazier, 29, Beloit, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 30 years in federal prison without parole for distribution and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. Frazier was convicted of these charges on August 7, 2007, after a two-day jury trial.

On August 10 and 22, 2006, a confidential informant, working with law enforcement, bought crack cocaine from the defendant in Beloit, Wisconsin. On September 9, 2006, Frazier was found in possession of 26 grams of crack cocaine after a traffic stop in Beloit. Frazier's lengthy sentence was the result of Judge Crabb finding that the defendant was a career offender based on his three prior drug felony convictions.

The charges against Frazier were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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